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Population

1. "The whole area situated in the rear of the frontier-segment, between Ognica and Bielinek, is populated to a rather small extent. Although the majority of the localities were not damaged during World War II, except for some places like the little village of Garnowo, there are many empty houses in these villages. Especially unpopulated are the villages directly on the Oder River, for example, Piaski, Radun, and Zaton Doly. The large brickworks in this locality have not been put into operation. Farther east the villages have around two-thirds the inhabitants they had in pre-World War II times.

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Government

2. "The entire area, partly densely forested (the forests remained almost completely untouched by war actions) belongs to the Nawodna is community. The community office is, however, not in this village. It has been transferred to nearby Krzymow. The only reason for this distant location is that the community head (wojt) lives there. In Krzymow the community police post is also quartered.

Agriculture

3. "There are rather few PGRs (state-owned estates) in this community. There is a large one in Krzymow. There are two small ones in Graniczna and Bary, both in the southern parts of the community, in the vicinity of the town of Chojna.
4. "Up to Aug 53 only one kolkhoz has been set up in Nawodna.

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5. "The majority of the population are resettlers from behind the Bug line. They make their living as individual farmers (the average size of a farm is around 7 to 10 hectares).

Industry

6. "The Nawodna community has no special industry, except one brewery situated in Krzymow and the flour-mills in Lisie Pole. Under such conditions, the only possibility for the farmer to find additional work is in the forest.

Communications

7. "Another work opportunity was offered in 1953 on the Soviet airfield located south of Chojna. The airfield was again enlarged and, according to rumors, adapted for utilization by larger jet-propelled plane units.
8. "The next possibility to find some extra work was afforded in 1953 in the rebuilding of the highway bridge near Krajnik Dolny. This bridge is on the highway between Schwedt, in the Soviet zone of Germany, and Chojna. Preparations had already been undertaken to repair this highway in 1954.
9. "According to rumors circulating among local inhabitants, the bridge now under reconstruction will be closed for civilian use and will be restricted for Soviet military transit purposes. (It should be noted that another bridge was being rebuilt in summer 1953 in this area, near Gryfino).
10. "It is anticipated that the new road will turn out to be a better communication for the entire area. Up to now there is only one autobus connecting various places in the Nawodna community. This bus line was detoured in summer 1953 from Chojna, Cedynia and Bielinek to Piaski. Other villages on the Oder can be reached only by side roads on bicycle or by foot.

Communism

11. "There are very few Communists among the population living in the area. In Nawodna, for example, only two active CP members can be named: Pomorski and /fnu/ Czuchrowski. Both of them are farmers. Another active Communist is a young public school teacher in Nawodna [redacted], who is also a most active ZMP (Communist youth organization) member.

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Religion

12. "Although the population is very religious, only one priest had been detailed to the community as of Aug 53. He settled in Nawodna. Every Sunday he goes around the area to say Mass in other churches having no priest of their own, e.g., Krzymow, Rynica, (this locality is surrounded by a big forest), Lisie Pole or even to such a distant place as Krajnik Dolny which is on the bank of the Oder River."

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